

REMARKS

The Examiner has acknowledged applicant's claim for foreign priority based on PCT/CA02/01864 filed 3 December 2002 this application. A certified copy of the priority application accompanies this Amendment.

The Specification has been amended at paragraph [0031] to identify the drum roller using reference number 21 rather than 24. It is submitted that the Specification now conforms to Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings. The Specification has also been amended at paragraph [0032] to identify the rails of heater truck 36 using reference number 31 rather than 30. The Specification now conforms to Figure 3 of the drawings. It is submitted that, in view of these amendments to the Specification, no amendment of the drawings is necessary.

Claims 13 was objected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowed by the Examiner if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the limitations of claim 2, 3 and 13 and the dependencies and/or antecedent references in claims 4 - 12 have been amended accordingly.

Claim 21 was objected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowed by the Examiner if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 20 has been rewritten to include the limitations of claim 21 and the dependencies of claims 22 and 23 have been amended accordingly.

Claim 23 is now dependent on amended claim 20. It is submitted that there is now an antecedent basis for the term "said template" in claim 23.

Claims 2, 3, 5, 13, 21 and 31-35 have been cancelled. Claim 6 is now dependent on amended claim 1 rather than cancelled claim 5.

New claim 36 has been added which corresponds to original claim 6. The Examiner has indicated that claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Finally, we respectfully request that the USPTO records be updated to associate our firm's customer number 000720 with this application.

The applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, and therefore requests the Examiner to allow this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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